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STONE MASONS IN HEBER, UTAH

Daryl Shumway has observed in the sandstone masonery in Heber City, Utah that at least seven different Masons have left their artistic marks on remaining red-sandstone buildings.

Two very artistic Masons did their best work on Wasatch Stake Tabernacle, and each left his own artistic individual marks in that Tabernacle stonework.

It must have been these same two artistic masons who laid up the red-sandstone blocks in the old Abram Hatch residence at 81 East Center Street; because some of the same individual characteristics are to be found in this stonework as that found in the Tabernacle.

Different buildings also show different vintage and age of the stonework.

The old Joseph Stacy Murdock home at 115 East 300 North in Heber was probably built in 1862-3, because one or two of his children were born there after 1863. In this home, the stone was laid up flat at random and the mortar added on each layer.

The William Forman home at 195 North 2nd West was done in a transition period with cut stone laid up well in front of the home and random laying on the sides.

After trained Stonecutters and Masons moved into the Provo River Valley whole buildings had cut stone all around the buildings. RRG